Go Mumbai Smart Card

†110. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry is contemplating to start "Go Mumbai Smart Card" in Western Railway too, on the lines of Central Railway;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be started; and

(c) whether the railway passengers of Mumbai are going to be benefited by it, and if so, the manner in which they would be benefited along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It is not feasible to stipulate the exact time frame for starting it. However, the system is likely to be started as and when the modalities are completed by the services provider and the testing of the system has been done.

(c) It would benefit passengers of Mumbai Suburban Railway as they would get an alternative mode of ticketing system. They do not have to stand in the queue for purchasing ticket for every journey. Once they have a Smart Card, the fare for journeys performed are automatically deducted on showing the card to the system provided at the stations.

Railway coach factory at Kanjikode

111. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the status of setting up of a proposed Rs. 5,000 crore Railway coach factory at Kanjikode in Kerala?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): There is no proposal to set up Rail Coach Factory at Kanjikode in Kerala. However, there is a proposal to set up rail coach factory at Palakkad in Kerala. Detailed Project Report for setting up of coach factory at Palakkad is under consideration of Ministry of Railways where after approval of Planning Commission and Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs shall be sought before it is put up for Parliamentary approval.

Connecting small villages by Konkan Railway

†112. SHRI Y.P. TRIVEDI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Konkan Railway has contemplated to provide the facility of Konkan Railway to the small villages located in Konkan area of Maharashtra;

(b) if so, whether the work has been started on this; and

(c) if not, whether Government would consider this matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

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